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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., and its executive director, Cheryl R. Austin.

WHEREAS, Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., was established in 1993 and serves the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., or GTC, is a community based, 501(c), nonprofit organization that was formed to address all areas of community development, including affordable housing for low-to-moderate income families and the development of small businesses in the Tremé neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, GTC has worked to improve living conditions in Tremé and preserve the neighborhood's unique culture; it has held over one hundred community meetings to address these issues and helped usher in the development of affordable housing programs, community maintenance programs, a youth-run restaurant, a collaboration with the National American Civilian Corps, health testing, community gardens, housing and credit counseling services, and most recently, water management to prevent flooding; and

WHEREAS, Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., partnered with Water Wise Gulf South in 2016 to start the Water Wise Tremé Initiative; GTC is currently responsible for fifty-four green infrastructure interventions and stores up to 34,296 gallons of storm water per weather event; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl R. Austin is the executive director of Greater Tremé Consortium and a lifelong resident of the Tremé neighborhood; as director, she has advocated for increased funding to alleviate the social and economic struggles of her neighborhood, and as a result of her efforts, the consortium has secured multiple years of both private and public funding to construct new housing and repair low-to-moderate income residents' homes; she has also organized beautification projects, youth services, and cultural events to help uplift the Tremé neighborhood and highlight its unique qualities; she has also advocated to increase awareness of the importance of green infrastructure and stormwater management initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., and its executive director, Cheryl R. Austin, are most deserving of recognition for their efforts to preserve the historic Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., and its executive director, Cheryl R. Austin; does hereby recognize Ms. Austin's inspiring work as an advocate for the Tremé neighborhood, green infrastructure, and stormwater management initiatives; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that they continue to enjoy success in their efforts to preserve the historic Tremé neighborhood and its unique culture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES